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Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the recruitment of outsiders was necessitated by want of sufficient hands in this State? If so, whether the posts were advertised and applications called for? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member must admit that coal-mining is a new industry in this State and workers in our area are not accustomed to do such a difficult and new job. Therefore, we had to select people who had experience of those jobs in coal fields in North India like Bihar and Bengal."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" நிலக்கரி சுரங்கங்களில் வேலை செய்யும் அனுபவம் இந்த மாகாணத்திலுள்ள தொழிலாளிகளுக்குத் கிடையாது என்று கனம் மந்திரி சொன்னார்கள். இந்த மாகாண வாரதொழிலாளர்கள் 29 பேர்களும் வெளி மாகாண தொழிலாளர்கள் 22 பேர்களும் வேலை செய்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் அந்த இடத்தில் இன்னும் நிலக்கரி எடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்பது மந்திரிக்குத் தெரியுமா? இந் நிலையில் வாரத் தொழிலாளர்களை வெளி மாகாணங்களிலிருந்து கொண்டு வருவதற்கு என்ன அவசியம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I will only invite the Hon. Leader of the Opposition to come with me to Neyveli and see things for himself and then only he will realize how difficult that work is and how impossible it would be for any workers without any mining experience to do the job."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI:—"அந்த நெய்வேலியில் நடக்கும் வேலையைப் பார்க்க கனம் மந்திரி கூப்பிடாமலேயே நான் போய்பார்த்து விட்டு வந்தேன். அதனால் இந்தத் தகவலை அவர் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளுவாரா ?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" With due respect I must say that he has not seen it properly."

Lignite mines, Neyveli.

* 118 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the minerals other than coal that are found in the Neyveli lignite area; and

(*b*) how many acres have been acquired up to 30th June 1953 by this Government for lignite mines in Neyveli?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Ceramic and refractory clays have been found in the Neyveli lignite area. A small quantity of marcasite, not sufficient for commercial use, is also found in the area.

" (*b*) A total extent of 102 acres and 80 cents has so far been acquired."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the ryots of Vadalur and other surrounding villages wrote to the Government through the Leader of the Tamil Nad

Toilers' Party that the area surrounding Vadalur and other villages should be exempted from acquisition and if so, what the Government are going to do in the matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice."

Encouragement to the Siddha System of medicines.

* 119 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorandum, dated 7th April 1953 from the association for the protection of All-India Siddha System of Medicines containing various requests for the encouragement of the system in the State was received by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the resolutions passed by the All-India Siddha Medical Protective Association on 7th April 1953 was received by the Government from the President of the Association. The resolutions were considered by the Government and a reply was sent on 16th May 1953."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know, what is the reply given by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Various requests were made in the resolutions and a suitable reply has been given to each of the resolutions."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM:—"இந்த சித்த வைத்திய மூலமாக குறைந்த செலவில் குறுகிய காலத்தில் குணம் அடைவதால் இவ் வைத்தியத்திற்கு பாதுகாப்பு அளிக்க சர்க்கார் இது வரையில் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக் கொண்டார்கள் என்பதைப் பற்றி கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுவாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We are not quite sure of the premise in the question."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister for Health, may I know the nature of the reply that has been given—whether it was encouraging or discouraging to the applicants? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" One resolution was that encouragement should be given to the Siddha System of Medicine. The Government have stated that every encouragement is being given to it. Another resolution was about the institution of a Research Laboratory. This matter is under consideration. Among the other resolutions one was a request that they should be absorbed in Government and rural dispensaries. The Siddha practitioners are at present being employed in a large number of dispensaries."